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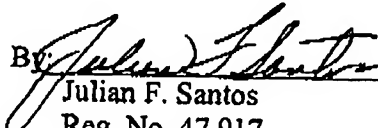
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. The references cited below are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

**United States Patents**

1. Stimpson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,599,668, issued February 4, 1997.
2. Sheppard, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,143,247 A, issued November 7, 2000.
3. Yguerabide et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,214,560, issued April 10, 2001.
4. Pantoliano et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,268,218 B1, issued July 31, 2001.
5. Reynolds et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,286,763 B1, issued September 11, 2001.

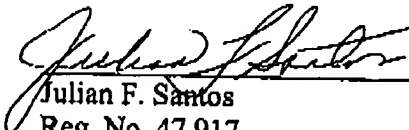
Also, enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report in which some of the above-listed references were cited during the prosecution of a corresponding PCT application.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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